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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Map Research Bulletin

1. The Office of Reports and Estimates plans to issue in the near future a new intelligence publication of "Restricted" classification to be entitled "Map Research Bulletin".

2. The purpose of this publication is to answer on a periodic basis the numerous inquiries and requests for assistance which now flow into ORE from mapping agencies of the National Military Establishment. These requests deal with the determination of the most satisfactory treatment of specific international and internal administrative boundaries, the advisability of indicating the status of specific dependant areas, and similar questions which constantly arise in map compilation work. The object of this bulletin is not only to answer these requests, but also to make this type of current information available to a larger number of potential users in both mapping and intelligence research agencies.

3.

a. Each bulletin will be comprised of a "lead" article followed by notes on current subjects. These subjects will pertain to:

(1) The detailed location and/or status of international boundaries for a country or within a region.

(2) The detailed location and character of internal administrative or social boundaries.

(3) The status of dependant areas and their limits.

(4) Evaluations of new foreign map publications of exceptional current interest.

(5) Descriptions of new cartographic research aids.

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b. It is planned that contributions to this periodic bulletin will be sent in by the research departments of Government mapping agencies as topics of current interest are recognized and prepared for presentation. Through cooperation from these agencies this bulletin will become a medium for coordinating information of current value in map research undertaken by the U. S. Government on foreign areas.

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a. A blue stock cover will be used on which a seal and a standard title, "Map Research Bulletin", will be used. The Central Intelligence Agency will be indicated as issuing agency; and the number of the issuance and date of issuance will be stamped on the stock cover at the time of distribution.

b. The following notation will be placed on the inside front cover:

"This periodic bulletin contains current information on the status and location of international and internal administrative boundaries, the status of territorial claims, new foreign map publications, and other items of primary interest to research personnel in the Government mapping agencies engaged in the compilation of maps pertaining to foreign areas. Although reflecting the policy of the Department of State, statements included in the bulletin should not be interpreted as official U. S. Government policy."

c. No formal coordination with other agencies will be required, but informal coordination will be obtained at the working level with the political divisions of the Department of State.

A note regarding lack of formal coordination will be placed on the first page of each bulletin.

5. It is planned to publish this "Map Research Bulletin" on a monthly basis, or more often if necessary. The bulletins will be numbered serially for each calendar year.

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